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Forwarded herewith is [translation of a  
Vosslerberg report on Albin KAPITANOFF which was received recently from  
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SUBJECT: Albin KAPITANOFF, Agent

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1. Report Channel: (S) and, above all, my own personal observation.

2. Persons: Albin KAPITANOFF, parents, Daniel and Angela, nee  
LIMARDY wife, ELISABETH, nee HIRSINGER (born 23 December 1918 in Vienna).  
KAPITANOFF was born 26 May 1905 in Budapest, Hungary, is a Hungarian citizen,  
Roman Catholic, married, was formerly a Hungarian major address, Innsbruck,  
Bd. Wilfridenstrasse 7.

3. Circumstances: According to my source KAPITANOFF is the so-  
called Hungarian chief of the counter-espionage section of the Hungarian  
organization, "Magyar Hírszolgálat Magyar Kiosztószolgálat" in Innsbruck/Hall in the  
Tirol. This organization is supported by the French Occupation Force and,  
to put it exactly and correctly, KAPITANOFF is the man who examines and  
investigates all kinds of refugees from the East, but especially Hungarians,  
for the French Secret Service in Innsbruck (Austria) in order to determine  
whether this or that HP, etc., is a Communist or an enemy (Abgesandter)  
from one of the Eastern powers.

These fellows are handled in the following way. Every newcomer  
must write a curriculum vitae, stating especially where he comes from, where  
he has been, what functions he performed, etc. I should like to state here  
that this Hungarian organization has covered all of Hungary (in files). Thus,  
on the basis of personal knowledge and the information contained in the files  
concerning these people, persons (refugees) from the same city, village,  
etc., are found who are in a position to meet the newcomer is. The  
newcomer is visited by Hungarian agents of the organization, and they speak  
with him, report to KAPITANOFF, and a check is made to see whether there are  
any contradictions in his story. Agents of the organization who travel to  
Hungary also look for material concerning the newcomer. Then everything  
is put together in order to get a picture which enables the organization to  
draw its conclusions.

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The writer of this report has known KAPITANYI for several years but never was able to learn his right name. But one cannot conclude from that that KAPITANYI might have given a false name when introduced. He was only encountered when he was with Hungarian persons who were in his confidence and they only called him their "Counter-Spyage Chief" (Abwehrchef). It has definitely been learned through observation that he is treated with a certain amount of respect by (former) Hungarian officers. It is as if - I am thinking of war time - the Commanding Officer were visiting us. I would call him a small, unarmored "DP-King." KAPITANYI moves around very modestly and no one suspects who he is and what he does.

As a rule one cannot learn anything from KAPITANYI about what his employer may have instructed him to do. As a rule he just says his is not through with the matter and can't say anything about it yet. Then the matter turns out to be harmless and nothing is heard about it any more. I happen to know one of his sources who tells me that is going on from time to time.

I know positively and definitely that KAPITANYI travels throughout the First, Second and Germany, at least the French Zone. I know that much for sure without thinking about the possibilities involved. It is also certain that he deals with the French counter-espionage organization (Abwehr), for I learned this definitely from talking with him, without bothering about the hints given by my source. KAPITANYI is definitely an anti-Communist.

I actually tricked my source into telling me KAPITANYI's name. I told him I was working on a Hungarian case and had been in Innsbruck and had forgotten the name of the counter-espionage chief and consequently could not call on him. He (my source) kindly wrote down the name for me and then I was able to obtain the following information about him, which I give here word-for-word:

In reply to the request on the reverse side it is reported that Albin KAPITANYI, since 26 April 1952, has not been living any longer in Solbad Hall, Rosenzasse 13/1 but in Innsbruck-Friedl, Bruder Willersstrasse 7. In reference to his move the following report from Hertenberg has arrived: your communication is returned as requested with the information that nothing derogatory is known at this office concerning subject. KAPITANYI was a Major on the Hungarian General Staff and with the collapse in 1945 he came to this locality (Hertenberg, Bezirk St. Veit a.d. Glan/Kaernten) with Hungarian troop units. Later he married an Austrian woman and lived temporarily in Markt, Gde. St. Johann am Plassen, Bezirk St. Veit a.d. Glan in Kaernten."

I can report concerning his income and the nature of his occupation that he associated with former high-ranking officers of the former Hungarian Army who either stated that they were employed by the Occupation Army or that they were working as journalists for a Hungarian emigrant newspaper. The fact is that they are in contact with high-ranking French officers and get DP identity cards under cover names if necessary, or, to some extent, they had such cards.

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When he registered with the police KAPLANOFF described himself as a painter (artist). This may be a false statement, for he has never been observed doing such work.

4. Personal opinion and intended action: KAPLANOFF's main activity is that of a professional, full-time intelligence operative who is a former officer in the Hungarian Army.

In his personal associations he is very nice and he is definitely an anti-Communist Hungarian patriot who will never move to the West but is taking an active part in the liberating of his Hungarian homeland.

5. Remarks: I should like to point out that KAPITANFFY comes to Bregman one or two times every month.

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